(c) to (f) Except Paradip and Ennore Ports, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) (between Ports and Customs Department) has been implemented in all the major ports including Visakhapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh. The scope of EDI is being further enlarged.

Maintenance of roads during four-laning

†3154. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a clear cut policy for maintenance of roads during the period of four-laning work undertaken by NHAI;

(b) whether the maintenance work on the urban sector of Udaipur on NH-76 is being done by NHAI; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) deals with the sections identified for upgradation to 4/6 lane under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) and other projects. Wherever 4/6 laning works under NHDP are under implementation, to keep the existing roads in traffic worthy condition, the maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/ Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. In case of sections identified under NHDP where 4/6 laning has not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads are being carried out by NHAI, State Public Works Departments (PWDs)/Border Road Organisation (BRO) through funds provided by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The four-laning of Udaipur bypass is under construction by NHAI and presently NH-76 passes through the city portion of Udaipur, which will be maintained by NHAI till the construction of Udaipur bypass is completed.

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